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Attendance

You should have received a letter about attendance last week alongside your child's registration certificate for the year-to-date. Please get in touch if notice any errors. Whilst we understand there may be genuine reasons for absence, we should be aiming for at least 95% attendance across the year. Anything less than 90% is classed as 'persistent absence' and has a negative impact on a child's chances of long-term success (there are strong links between good attendance and GCSE performance).

Meanwhile, the local authority have this week sent some more information about the changes that will come into effect from September. Please see the letter that was sent out alongside this newsletter for more information. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Personal information

Meanwhile, it is important to ensure we always have your most up-to-date contact details on file. This is not only important for day-to-day communication (such as this newsletter!) but also in case of emergency. To save admin time and reduce the risk of GDPR breaches, we no longer send contact forms out every year; so please let the office know if anything changes (e.g. house move, change of name due to marriage, phone number or email address change). Thank you!

Learn to Ride

Sally Haddon from Modeshift STARS is in on Wednesday to run the 'Learn to Ride' sessions for children who own a bike but are not yet confident in riding it. If you have already returned the slip for this, your place is confirmed. Please don't forget your bike (and helmet!) on Wednesday – it can be parked in the green cage near the FS2 yard.

FoWSS Disco

Our school council requested a disco in a recent meeting. Therefore, you should have last week received a letter about the Summer Disco/s organised by Friends of Wharcliffe Side School. These will take place on Tuesday 30th April at 3:15 – 4:15 (Reception, Y1 – Y2) and 5:00 – 6:30pm (Y3 – Y6). Please return your slips and payment to the school office ASAP to confirm your place (places are limited so do not delay). Thank you to all the FoWSS volunteers for organising this.

Free diving event at Ponds Forge

Diving is a fun way to make new friends and improve fitness, strength and confidence. Ponds Forge are running some FREE diving sessions for children aged 6-15 and adults aged 16+. For the latest dates and times, take a look at their website: www.cityofsheffielddiving.co.uk/learn-to-dive

Eat Smart Sheffield Free Webinar

Eat Smart Sheffield are offering a free webinar to parents / carers across the city: '10 Top Tips for a Healthier Bank Balance – How to Eat Well AND Save Money'. This takes place on Wednesday 1st May at 9:30am. See the attached flyer for more information or book your place [here](#).

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.



Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Kyle, Harvey (Ash); Molly, Caleb H (Willow); Theo, Evie (Rowan); Alyssa (Sycamore); Edie (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** William R, Arnie-Grey (Ash); Braxton (Sycamore); Austin (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Lucy (Ash); Jake, Leo C (Willow); Esme (Sycamore); Ben, Freya, Reuben (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Ellis & Oscar
- ★ **Healthy Eating Champion:** Arnie-Grey
- ★ **House Point winners:** All 5 teams collected over 200 house points last week but the winners were **Americas!**
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was **94.7%** last week. The winning classes were **Willow** (KS1) with **95.9%** and **Oak** (KS2) with **97.8%**.
- ★ Speaking of **attendance**, well done to the **58** children who were awarded certificates for getting **98%+** during the spring term (including **28** who got **100%**). We also gave certificates for the most improved attendance (compared to the autumn term).
- ★ 8 children were awarded certificates from the Children's University in Friday's assembly.



We don't have any birthdays this week!

This week's 'School Standard' is:
Be inclusive

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are practising counting and matching amounts to numerals.

Ash are going for a walk in the local area on Tuesday (weather permitting!).

Y1 children in **Willow** are focusing on place value of numbers to 50; whilst the Y2s are learning to divide by 2, 5 and 10. Please support them with this at home if you can.

KS1 children in **The Learning Zone** are rewriting the story of 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson.

Rowan are learning how to self-regulate using the 'Zones of Regulation'.

Sycamore are starting their unit on space in Science. Meanwhile, they are busy rehearsing for their 'MoveFest' performance later this term.

Oak have been testing their knowledge of South America using the **geoguessr** website.

Rocco & Betsy are the current champions with a time of 13 seconds. Click [here](#) if you think you can beat them!

Meanwhile, the children enjoyed a surprise performance of 'Jungle Book' from M&M Theatrical Productions on Tuesday!



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